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Provost To Leave After 3 Years

By COLLEEN HUBER

Provost Jay Harper announced he was stepping down last Friday, March 2 after three years at the University of Mary Washington.



Courtesy of UMW Jay Harper.

Harper came to the university in July 2009 and was the first to fill the position of Provost permanently.

As an administrator, Harper is responsible specifically for the academic programs and operations at UMW, according to Meagan Holbrook, academic and faculty affairs chair on the Student Senate and junior geography major.

"He oversees faculty and deans report to him," said Holbrook.

Harper's departure is effective beginning June 24, 2012, according to an email from President Rick Hurley.

"Harper's departure will have an impact because of the knowledge he takes with him of all the issues he has been working on," said Hurley.

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Arrests Jump in Wake of Nuisance Laws

By DOUGLAS SCHULTZ

Since the beginning of the school year, 73 students have been arrested by Fredericksburg Police, 42 of which have taken place in 2012, according to a report from Natatia Bledsoe, the Public Information Officer for the Fredericksburg Police Department.

The report stated that the majority of the arrests have been for violations of the noise ordinance and for underage possession of alcohol.

According to a statement from Bledsoe to Fredericksburg Patch, "Since the beginning of the school year, the City has seen an increase in complaints specifically related to UMW student behavior off campus, with the complaints focusing on noise, trash, and irresponsible alcohol consumption that has an adverse impact on the other residents of the neighborhood. In response to these concerns, the Police Department has implemented a number of measures to address the problems."

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Spring comes to UMW as a student enjoys the warm weather on Ball Circle.

Anne Elder/Bullet

Jeremy Thompson Elected SGA President

By JONATHAN POLSON

Junior Jeremy Thompson was announced as the Student Government Association (SGA) President for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year.

Announced March 1, Thompson beat out two other candidates, Monique de la Cruz and Marco Montero, for the position of SGA President.

Thompson said it was "a really good feeling" to be chosen by the students to serve the UMW community.

As SGA President, he hopes to address the issues between UMW students and the Fredericksburg community.

"The first thing we want to do is help repair the relationship with the community," said Thompson. "There is a perception that UMW students are the party-hard type. The community finds students disrespectful."

Thompson said that he believes the situations that have resulted in the students being called nuisances were "isolated incidents."

He hopes to speak with local community leaders, homeowners associations, and work with local police to "educate the community more on what UMW is really like."

Thompson said he also wants



Courtesy of Jeremy Thompson

Jeremy Thompson is the new SGA President.

to increase student participation with the SGA. He hopes to make "SGA more vocal and more public so students have more of a say."

Thompson said they are attempting to release a SGA transition blog by the end of the week. The blog will be featured on the UMW blogs website and will include the applications for the executive cabinet.

The blog will also have "all

of our new policies that we want to start pushing," said Thompson.

Finally, Thompson said he plans to "continue the work the previous administration was doing," including the idea of having a safe ride program for students.

Current SGA President Rob Belcourt, a junior, will hold the position of SGA Vice President in the upcoming school year.

Student Accused In Sting

By LINDLEY ESTES

Early Tuesday afternoon, Fredericksburg police arrested University of Mary Washington student John Bonino on charges of facilitating the manufacture of fictitious official identification.

Bonino was charged with a class one misdemeanor, for which the maximum penalty is 12 months in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

According to police, Bonino, 19, was arrested at his Arrington Hall dorm after detectives served a search warrant at 12:35 p.m. and recovered a package containing multiple fake driver's licenses issued to 11 different individuals, all of whom supplied the manufacturer with their real names and photographs for the ID's.

The arrest followed an investigation that spanned several weeks, beginning with the interception of the package by the U.S. Postal Inspector's Service. The agency flagged the package, shipped from China, as suspicious.

The Department of Homeland Security also aided in the investigation.

According to a statement released by the Fredericksburg Police Department, Bonino reportedly arranged for the ordering and purchasing of the fake ID's for himself and six fellow UMW students, as well as four other college students who attend school outside of the Fredericksburg area. All of the involved students are in their freshman or sophomore year of college.

The UMW Police Department assisted in the investigation as well, according to Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe. The force was aware of the ongoing investigation once local police were aware that it was being shipped to an address on campus about a week ago, according to UMW Police Lieutenant Mike Hall. They also helped in serving the warrant and identifying involved students.

As stated in the release, "the ID's are extremely authentic in appearance and are facsimiles of driver's licenses from various

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School Changes Sexual Consent Policy

Altered to clarify and comply with Title IX federal regulations

By MARY WENDT

The University of Mary Washington recently changed the sexual misconduct policy to include affirmative consent, the right of appeal for both the victim and the accused and a better outline of the standard of evidence.

Changes in the sexual misconduct policy were made to better protect victims of misconduct and to bring UMW into compliance with federal law.

According to Leah Cox, special assistant for diversity and inclusion, "The Office of Civil Rights under the Department of Education came out with new guidelines for all colleges and universities that need to be implemented. These guidelines work to insure the safety of all of our constituents on our campuses."

Cox was actively involved in the revision of the sexual misconduct policy.

"I was involved with making the changes to the policy, working with the Attorney General's office and presenting them to the Board of Visitors for approval," she said.

One of the most noticeable changes in the policy was requiring affirmative consent.

"Affirmative consent needed to be actively written in to the policy. This policy explicitly states that silence does not equal consent," said Jessi Bell, a senior at UMW and a member of Feminists United on Campus.

Chris Kilmartin, professor of psychology, and author of various books dealing with men's issues, prevention of gender-based violence and sexual harassment, said, "Affirmative consent doesn't mandate verbal consent, but it highly recommends it."

According to Kilmartin,

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Phishing Emails Nationwide, UMW Problem

By ALISON THOET

The University of Mary Washington network has recently been subject to cyber phishing, resulting in compromised email accounts and UMW twitter and Facebook messages, according to Justin Webb, acting vice president for information technologies and chief information officer at UMW.

According to Computer Science Professor Ernie Ackermann, everyone is connected to Internet and all information can

be accessed as a result. This one network is what makes phishing and other hacking techniques possible.

Foreign collectors can enter a system through phishing, which is a broad attempt to obtain information through personal email, according to Webb. The hacker poses as another party and attaches a virus to the email that will plague the victim's computer, as well as any system it is attached to. A more targeted attack on a certain group of people

is called spear-phishing.

Phishing has been used on numerous companies and facilities including Google and the Chamber of Congress, according to The Wall Street Journal, but also on UMW systems.

"We're just as susceptible as anyone else," said Webb. "There is not one organization that is not vulnerable to exploit in some way."

Student email accounts have been compromised recently, according to Webb, which then

subjects the account user and others to be exploited through spam mail.

Kaitlin Aquino, senior international affairs and Italian studies double major, is writing a memorandum on the Asian Question in the South China Sea for a Security and Conflict Studies course.

"Once the damage has been done, once the information has been accessed, there is no way to erase it from the attackers' minds," said Aquino.

As a result of recent phishing, the UMW Infrastructure services has developed ways to deter phishing attempts, such as spam filtering, password change requirements, anti-virus training and phishing alerts. The UMW website contains this information as well as ways for individuals to protect themselves and report any issues.

Phishing and hacking is also used to steal intellectual property through economic espionage.

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By ALEX VAN BEEK

Feb. 27

Fredericksburg Police reported possession of marijuana at the 900 block of Sylvania Avenue at 9:50 p.m. A UMW student was arrested and referred to the administration.

Feb. 28

Campus police reported possession of marijuana on the first floor of Russell Hall at 8:14 p.m. One administrative referral was given.

March 1

Fredericksburg police responded to a report of vandalism at the Catholic Student Center on College Avenue that occurred between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. the next morning. The case is pending.

March 2

Campus police reported a petit larceny of computer mice in Chandler Hall, room 209, at an unknown time. The case is pending.

Fredericksburg police reported that a UMW student, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Fredericksburg police reported that a UMW student, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

March 4

Fredericksburg police responded to a report of vandalism on the 1000 block of Sunken Road at 5:50 p.m. The case is pending.

Campus police responded to a report of vandalism at Sunken Road and Sylvania

Avenue at 5:56 p.m. The case is pending.

March 6

Fredericksburg police responded to a report of credit card fraud at Blackstone Coffee at 12:15 p.m. The case is pending.

March 7

Campus police reported a grand larceny of a cell phone and iPad from the fifth floor of Eagle Landing between 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The case is pending.

March 9

Fredericksburg police reported that a UMW student, 24, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

Harper Decides to Leave UMW, Morello to Serve as Acting Provost

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Although his leaving will inevitably have an impact on the university community, the impact of his leaving will most directly affect faculty and deans, according to Holbrook.

"For students, everything will continue normally," said Holbrook.

However, Hurley is confident that Harper's staff is fully capable of guaranteeing that UMW will continue to move forward in Harper's absence.

Hurley stated that it is in the best interests of the university to find a new provost quickly and that he desires to transfer the provost's leadership responsibility as soon as possible.

John Morello, associate

provost, will be acting provost until the University can find an interim replacement, according to Hurley.

"I had a good working relationship with Provost Harper. He was friendly, supportive, open-minded, and always treated me very fairly," said Morello.

The formal transition of the duties of the provost will begin April 2, 2012, according to Hurley.

According to Hurley, there will be two phases in the transition between provosts.

"We have a two phase approach with phase one being the appointment of an interim provost from now until June, 2013 and phase two the appointment of a permanent provost by

July 1, 2013," said Hurley.

According to Hurley, he is looking to create an interim provost position for the 2012-2013 and will use the services of a nationally recognized interim placement firm to find a skilled administrator for the position.

"I want an experienced provost with a strong record in academic administration on a college of our size," said Hurley.

Beginning in the fall 2012 semester, Hurley will appoint a committee consisting of members of faculty, who will search for a highly qualified individual to take the provost position, according to Hurley.

"In the following year, faculty and students will be involved in the search and hiring process to find a new provost

that is a good fit for the Mary Washington community," said Holbrook.

Jeremy Thompson, SGA president-elect, and junior history and political science major, would like the students to take part in searching for the new provost.

"We are going to make sure that students' voices are heard," said Thompson.

The candidates for the position will be visiting the university in April during which faculty and staff can meet the candidates if they are interested, according to Hurley.

"Dr. Harper will be greatly missed and he has contributed greatly to the university," said Holbrook.

SHH to Fund New Orphanage

By NIA BENTALL

Students Helping Honduras (SHH) is trying to fundraise for \$30,000 in order to establish a children's orphanage in Villa Soleada, Honduras, the village created by the SHH effort.

SHH, founded by UMW alumnus Shin Fujiyama, will be holding a 5k race, volleyball tournament and a Zumbathon in order to achieve their goal.

The children's orphanage in Villa Soleada is an orphanage that SHH has barely completed but the effort for which was rushed of the nearby state orphanage burning down in November 2011. Many children did not have a place to go so SHH decided to open the orphanage as a work in progress.

SHH currently takes care of 12 children and is working on making the orphanage capable of housing more children and providing them with clean food, water and security, according to James Cruz, SHH president at UMW.

The 5k run is scheduled for March 17. Students can register online for a \$20 registration fee, or \$25 registration fee the day of the event. All participants receive a free t-shirt, and there are awards for the top three participants.

Additionally, the SHH has scheduled a volleyball tournament for March 31 at 10 a.m., for which students can register a team by email. There is a \$10 registration fee, which comes with two raffle tickets, according to Cruz.

Students will receive an additional raffle ticket for every \$5 subsequently raised. Prizes include a Kindle Fire, a \$100 Chipotle gift card and gift cards to The Melting Pot, Sullivans and other Fredericksburg businesses.

"We're trying to make the volleyball tournament into a UMW community event," said Cruz.

There will be performances from the Performing Arts Club and Bhangra Beat, as well as free food.

Additionally, there will be a Zumbathon, a two-hour Latin dance-inspired program that involves dance and aerobics, on March 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. The entrance fee is \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students.

"For me, some of the biggest reasons I get involved is that SHH is an organization that started here and that's growing, its supporting diversity, and helping kids," said Cruz.

Student Caught Ordering False Identification

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Fredericksburg police encourage all intended recipients of the ID's to contact them.

Three students have already come forward and the police are currently setting up interviews with them. According to Bledsoe, they have also reached out the colleges where the four non-UMW students attend.

Regarding those involved, Bledsoe said, "Our intent is to turn over students to the university for judicial processes but that doesn't mean they won't be charged."

Bledsoe continued about the resolution of the investigation, "It is still very much in flux at this stage."

Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Responsibility Ray Tuttle said, "Bear in mind that the judicial system does not hold students responsible for violations of the law; it holds them responsible for violations of the UMW Code of Conduct. To the best of my knowledge, there is no judicial precedent for handling on-campus incidents related to the possession or use of false identification."

The Honor Council would most likely deal with the students, according to Tuttle and

Honor Council President Aaron McPherson.

"The Honor Council has never dealt with anyone who has manufactured fake ID's before. As of right now there is no precedent for such a violation, but will fall under "lying" as a violation of the honor code," McPherson said.

According to McPherson, "The maximum sanction that the Honor Council can assign is expulsion and the minimum sanction is community service or the completion of an honor education seminar. In a situation where the honor violation isn't academic, such as stealing or lying, we would usually assign a sanction like community service or honor education. That being said, I wouldn't say a sanction like suspension or expulsion is off the table. But in a case involving lying or stealing it is very very rare."

Unlike the Honor Council, the UMW police have seen infractions like this before.

"That's not something new to UMW or new to the nation for that matter," said Hall.

According to the release, Bonino was released by the magistrate on a \$2,500 bond following his arrest.

Bonino declined comment.

Greater Police Presence Leads to Increased UMW Student Arrests

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Bledsoe continued: "We do have an overtime detail where officers are specifically looking to address alcohol violations of specific party-related complaints. That task force has identified addresses where we have repeat offenses of noise violations, alcohol violations, or disturbances in general. Not all of these locations are college students, but a number of them are."

Although the amount of arrests has increased, Bledsoe suspects that this can be attributed to increased enforcement, rather than an increase in offenses.

"This is new for us, that's never been the way that we did this kind of activity. In the past, it's always been complaint driven. This is different for us in that we are taking a more proactive approach," said Bledsoe.

Although the police still do

respond to party complaints, Bledsoe attributes the increase in student arrests to a greater police concentration on students in transit.

"Instead of responding to the parties, our officers encounter students just walking," said Bledsoe. "We are having more contact with students, not at a party, but on the way to or from a party. We have found that many of the offenses come from these encounters."

Additionally, when officers break up parties, they emphasize cracking down on underage drinking.

"There have been a number of occasions where officers are checking ID's as students leave," said Bledsoe. "They are trying to identify underage drinkers. If we can identify underage drinkers, we don't want that person getting into a car, or finding them unconscious in a gutter somewhere. We are trying

to be more proactive from a safety standpoint."

While the increased community complaints may signal a growing tension between the city and students, Jake Baskin, a senior creative writing major, does not believe that the actions of some define the entire Mary Washington student body.

"I think it's a mistake any time that people point out the actions of a few and attribute them to the whole," said Baskin. "I'm sure there are some college students who have peed on cars or thrown beer bottles, but not all of us."

Baskin also thinks that a way to alleviate this issue is through an improved relationship between students and their neighbors.

"I feel that there should be a better line of communication between residents and students instead of blaming the entire university," Baskin suggested.

Despite the increased arrest rate, not all students are convinced that this will stop student partying. Chris Marino, a senior English Major, is not sure how much community improvement the arrests will bring.

"You're not going to stop underage drinking. It's not possible. Having a fear of being arrested isn't going to help the situation," said Marino.

Although Marino is of legal drinking age, he still felt the effects of the city's efforts to curtail partying is negatively impacting his college experience.

"It's getting harder for me to suggest this school for people because it's much less easy to have fun. College is a learning experience both in and out of the classroom. You learn about yourself and your limits, in that way alcohol is sometimes a large part of college," said Marino.

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Corrections:

In the March 1 issue of the *Bullet*, the article titled "Romney Wins Super Tuesday," should have been titled "Romney Wins Arizona and Michigan."

Viewpoints

Invisible Children Raises Awareness, But is it Enough?

At this point, the likelihood that you've encountered the activist group Invisible Children's "Kony 2012" campaign is exceedingly high. The 29-minute viral video sparked passionate reactions ranging far on each end of the spectrum, with the staunchest defenders and harsh-

est critics each shouting their respective stance from our new-aged mountain top: the Internet. Both

camp would like the public to blindly take the words fed to them by each party's most vocal supporters as gospel, but to do so is the height of naïveté. Both groups have their points worth noting in regards to Invisible Children's campaign and methods, Joseph Kony, and the Lord's Resistance Army in general. To tune out one side in the interest of simplifying a complicated issue does not mesh with collegiate prerogative of actually becoming well-educated individuals.

The effectiveness of the "Kony 2012" video as strictly

an awareness capacity has been astounding. The Youtube video has amassed more than 78 million hits and the same film on Vimeo is nearing 17 million views, so the outreach goal of the film has exceeded even the wildest expectations of the Invisible Children brass.

the Ugandan army have already been deployed.

The pair of sides have also traded barbs regarding finances, exaggeration of the LRA in Uganda and the oversimplification of the issue at hand, but this is not an all-encompassing article meant to ad-

dress every issue that is out there. This is meant to urge you not to take everything you hear, see or read at

face value. A well-written piece or a well-spoken stance on Kony doesn't mean that everything presented in those mediums are factually accurate. The proper information is out there and can be attained, but taking a half hour to watch "Kony 2012" or read a blog post ripping the nonprofit to shreds does not make you an expert on the matter. Instead, find trusted sources that present the facts and minimize conjecture to help you come to your own conclusion on an issue instead of being told what to think.

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Yet while the film got people talking about Kony and the LRA, it makes the mistake of assuming that all the chatter is the yellow brick road that will lead to the capture of an evil man who has built his own child army. Those atop the Invisible Children hierarchy act as though posters, buttons, tweets, Facebook likes and profile picture changes are the key to Kony's capture. There is no doubt that it is vital to the awareness portion of their goal, but the American troops the Invisible Children organization want sent overseas to help train

European Union Through The Eyes of an American

Sometimes the fact that I live in Europe still seems unreal. Back at the University of Mary Washington, I might consider taking a day trip to D.C. every once and a while. Here, I can fly to Paris or Barcelona for the weekend.

The entire European Union could fit into the United States two and a half times, so everywhere here seems so close together in comparison. It's difficult for my American brain to relate to my Spanish friends who have driven to France and Italy on family vacations the same way my family drove to New York and Florida when I was younger.

With the whole of Europe open to me, I admit I might have gotten a little travel happy. One of the first things I did upon arrival in Spain was find some travel buddies and start planning trips. After bargain hunting online and, perhaps, over estimating our stamina, my friends and I booked trips for every weekend for two months plus two weeks of straight travel for spring break.

My first traveling experience

was to Paris, France last weekend. One thing I learned is that, although it is possible to travel very cheaply around Europe, you get what you pay for. In order to get the cheapest flight, I booked with an airline that flies from an airport about an hour

port to a bus stop in Paris and finally the metro to our hostel. Then I had to do it all over again to get back home. It was inconvenient to stay the least.

In spite of this, I had probably one of the best weekends of my life in the "City of Lights."

With a couple of minor bumps, including getting lost and missing the last metro, therefore having to take a taxi back to the hostel, we managed to fill our short visit with as many landmarks, museums and delicious foods as was possible.

What I've discovered is that the key to making the most out of any experience is to find balance. When you only have two days to see a city with as much to do as Paris, you have to accept that you can't do everything. It's important to have a plan and to know how to be able to do what you really want to do. At the same time, you need to be flexible and able to let things go if you must.

In a way, traveling is a lot like life, the only way you will be happy is if you know when to make things happen and when to go with the flow.



By
BRIDGET
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away from the city I live in and only flies into small airports on the outskirts of cities.

Consequently, I had to take the metro to the bus stop, a bus to the city near the airport, another bus to the airport, a plane to the airport an hour away from Paris, a bus from that air-

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Viewpoints

Russian Opposition Should Learn From U.S. Tea Party

By MAXWELL REINHARDT

In the wake of Russia's fixed parliamentary elections, something extraordinary happened: tens of thousands of Russians poured into the Moscow streets in sub-zero weather to challenge Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who last weekend won a third presidential term in a dubious election. Putin led Russia for over a decade and his tenure in office was marked by rampant corruption, crony capitalism, stagnation and increasing economic inequality. He spent the last decade preying on Russians' fears of returning to the turbulent days of the 1990s and he has used that fear to consolidate political and economic power around himself, his United Russia party, and a few loyal business oligarchs. Putin offered the Russian people a deal: compla-

cency in exchange for stability. Over the past three months, a nascent protest movement has sought to end that silence.

In early 2009, a similar awakening took place in America as hundreds of thousands of frustrated Americans converged in city centers and town squares across the country to oppose President Obama's reckless policies. In just the first few months of his presidency, Obama produced a \$1.85 trillion deficit (more than quadrupling George W. Bush's 2008 deficit of \$438 billion) and was pushing plans to impose a government-run healthcare system and a massive energy tax on the American people. Americans did not need to wait 12 years to express their frustration; the Tea Party movement was in a state of total mobilization by April 2009.

These two protest move-

ments are taking place on opposite sides of the globe, their marches have rocked the capitals of two nations that were once bitter enemies in a 50 year struggle for global hegemony, and they stand opposed to two powerful presidents.

Both movements have a great deal in common. In Russia, liberals, nationalists, socialists, communists, fascists, neomonarchists, social democrats and countless other factions opposed to Putin have all banded together under one mantra, "Russia Without Putin." Throughout his 12 years in power, Putin has coupled his control of the media with byzantine campaign finance laws to splinter and stymie his opponents. But in the past three months, opposition groups have put aside their differences and have coalesced around their goal of driving Putin and his United Russia party from power. This cohesion is giving the opposition international attention; their strength is in their numbers and in their monomaniacal determination to oust the current government.

In America, fiscal conservatives, social conservatives, neo-conservatives, paleo-conservatives, libertarians and disenchanted Democrats have all rallied together under the Tea Party movement's yellow Gadsden flag with one goal: halt Obama's left-wing agenda



Courtesy of bloomberg.com

Protestors march through Moscow, Russia, to show their opposition to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

and defeat him in the 2012 presidential election.

Cohesion is key. Tens of thousands of Russians of all different political stripes protesting in minus 20-degree weather gives their movement strength, just as the Taxpayer March on Washington (also known as the 9/12 Tea Party March) gave momentum to their movement.

The Russian opposition needs a viable opposition party, money and supportive media outlets. The Tea Party would

have never reached its current level of success without the Republican Party, thousands of willing big-pocketed donors, and most importantly a range of delivery systems for their message: Fox News, the blogosphere, dozens of talk radio hosts, and more. Putin has used control of the country's politics and its media to hold on to power. Before the December protests, the national media would just ignore or marginalize anti-Putin demonstrations. The move-

ment's sheer numbers forced the government-dominated media to stand up and take notice of the protests.

Strength and political infrastructure are the key stepping stones on the road to change. The Tea Party movement has permanently changed the American political landscape, but whether the Russian opposition can do the same in the face of an intransigent autocratic government remains to be seen.



Courtesy of dailymail.com

The Tea Party protested on Capitol Hill in 2009 to show their opposition to President Obama and government spending.

Sexclamations

'Ogling' Eyes Are Harassment

By CLAIRE PICKARD

It's springtime at the Mary Wash, and as temperatures and hemlines rise, people watching is the new national pastime. While it can be an easy way to pass the time during your roommate's sexual encounters or between classes, "benching" can quickly turn into a breeding ground for sexual harassment and catty comments. Everyone enjoys busting out the new warm-weather outfits, but even if she's literally "busting out" of it, that's no excuse to make people feel uncomfortable.

Whether it's happening in the streets, out of cars or on Campus Walk itself, harassment is too often brushed off as playful banter or worse yet, a product of "boys being boys." The recipient of the comment is expected to smile and laugh or to somehow be grateful that he or she is at-

tracting sexual attention.

Unfortunately, many people are of the belief that a shorter skirt or a top that goes below the

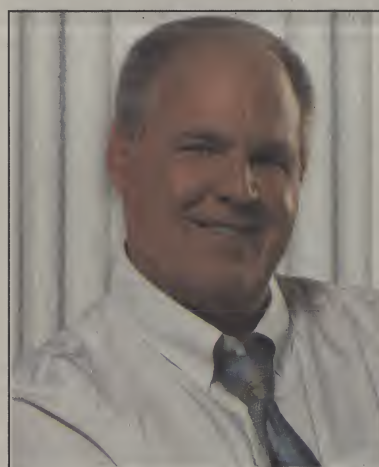
...but even if she's literally "busting out" of it, that's no excuse to make people feel uncomfortable.

collarbone is a written invitation to catcalls. It's not, and loudly whispering to the bros next to you doesn't fool anyone. Odds are, the person in question sees themselves as much more than a number and being reduced to that is offensive. Lowering your voice doesn't score you any points in the feminist handbook; it just makes you look like a pe-

dophile.

In general, hassling women is a surefire way to never, ever get laid. Your friends might be all kinds of impressed with your wit and innuendo, but unless they're your target demographic for bed buddies, you're alienating the very people that you rely on most.

On the exhaustive list of things I appreciate in my life, hearing some dude in a polo yell, "Hey baby, you're lookin' hot," is nowhere to be found. That's not a compliment. That's an attempt to show dominance. In situations such as these, intent is crucial, and let's face it—people don't scream out of cars because they want to do a good deed for the day. It's all about power, and like many things, you should try to keep that in your pants.



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Rush Limbaugh.



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Bill Maher.

Is Political Talk Too Loud?

By BRIAN AURICCHIO

Two recent calls to limit free expression have been highly publicized. With the recent outbursts from Rush Limbaugh and the degrading rhetoric of Bill Maher, there has been discussion of limiting the free speech of these individuals for the public good.

Nearly two weeks ago, Rush Limbaugh called Georgetown University Law School junior Sandra Fluke a "slut" after she testified in front of a Congressional Committee to promote Obama's contraception coverage plan.

Limbaugh stated, "What does it say about the college co-ed Sandra Fluke, who goes before a congressional committee and essentially says that she must be paid to have sex, what does that make her? It makes her a slut, right? It makes her a prostitute. She wants to be paid to have sex. She's having so much sex she can't afford the contraception. She wants you and me and the taxpayers to pay her to have sex. What does that make us? We're the pimps."

Just as Limbaugh became the center of public discussion, conservatives began criticizing the "Obama Super PAC" for accepting \$1 million from comedian and talk-show host Bill Maher. Maher has made controversial

comments about former Alaskan governor Sarah Palin and frequently makes coarse statements about right-wingers.

Penny Nance of Concerned Women for America sent a letter to White House Chief of Staff Jack Lew calling Bill Maher a

both cases cannot be classified as slander. Both are for entertainment, but unfortunately, they are not taken this way. Their outrageous remarks are also encouraged by high ratings and corporate profits.

The problem is not Maher or Limbaugh. The media has constructed these events as coming out of a rampant partisan environment. Most understand these two personalities as archenemies: Limbaugh supporting the Tea Party and Maher supporting the Occupy Movement.

By focusing on these two people, the media circumvents the true problem that partisan politics creates. Liberal and conservative platforms both highly praise free speech. Yet under these circumstances, they seem entirely too ready to limit it. Partisan politics sets people against each other, and in this war-like terrain, opponents are too ready to go against their values to attack.

Partisan politics can sort people, maybe a diverse set of people but occasionally with common goals, and funnels them into two distinct groups, pinned against one another. This new outburst of partisan politics is symbolic of a recurring political landscape that keeps us citizens from uniting.

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"serially vile misogynist" because of a seemingly endless list of denigrating comments about conservative women.

Conservative groups have been calling for Obama's Super PAC to refuse Maher's money because of these comments. According to the Supreme Court Case Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting political expenditures by corporations. Spending money is free speech, and denying Maher's is effectively limiting his free expression.

Maher and Limbaugh are not news analysts, which is why

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Style

'Mass Effect 3' is a Gaming Epic



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"Mass Effect 3" opens with the long-awaited arrival of the machine-monsters the Reapers on Earth.

By MADELINE MCDONALD

Last Tuesday, March 6, after years of waiting, "Mass Effect 3" finally hit the shelves, much to the delight of gamers everywhere. The final installment in the story of Commander Shepard, the customizable protagonist of the franchise who can have varying gender, race and even sexual orientation based on player's choices, and the fight to rid the galaxy of the Reapers, a genocidal sentient machine race, is the conclusion of a narrative that started with the original "Mass Effect" in 2007.

After Shepard's countless unheeded warnings to the galaxy the Reapers finally arrive to, well, reap, beginning with Earth. The Commander is sent out into the galaxy for help and destroy the Reapers once and for all.

The "Mass Effect" franchise has always hinged on its letting players decide how their Commander Shepard looks and acts and the plot of "Mass Effect 3" is especially exciting because of

this. Decisions like whether or not a player saved the galactic council or decided to kill the creepy-crawly Rachni Queen have major consequences in the game. Shepard also has to navigate his or her way between not so friendly alien races, sometimes having to decide to choose one ally over another in order to further his or her cause.

One small fault with the plot, though, is how immense it truly is. At times all the missions lined up in Shepard's journal seem like too much, and the game can feel a little overwhelming. Luckily, everything from the smallest side quest to a major attack on a facility to a simple conversation with civilians has an effect on the outcome of the game. The action is constant, and everything Shepard does or says seems to have a purpose. Every choice Shepard makes enhances his or her Reputation Bar, a new addition to the game. This, along with Paragon and Renegade points (attained by being essentially polite or ruthless), affects

how the rest of the galaxy views Shepard.

One major thing that stands out in "Mass Effect 3" as compared to its predecessors is the focus on Commander Shepard. For the first time players get to play around with Shepard as a character with thoughts and feelings and a past rather than a digital decision-making machine. Players get to see Shepard as a person who is under an enormous amount of stress and doubt. It's nice to know that one of the strongest people in the galaxy isn't always sure of themselves from time to time.

Side characters in the game come back stronger than ever as well. It's very clear that the writers have put a lot of thought and care into crafting these individuals, rounding and deepening their personalities and stories, sometimes to a fault. Fan service abounds, as can be seen by the number of subtle jokes scattered throughout the game. While little in-game jokes and references are delightful, at times they feel

unnatural.

Another exciting development for the series is the inclusion of same-sex relationship options. At long last, Shepards everywhere have the choice to fall in love with whomever they want. It is truly exciting to finally have a same-sex romance option that isn't just available to a female Shepard and who isn't an alien. Players have a chance to be more true to their characters as well as themselves.

What's possibly even more awesome, though, is finding these relationships elsewhere throughout the galaxy. It's encouraging to hear a woman on the Citadel asking for information about her military wife or to listen as Steven Cortez, the shuttle pilot aboard the Normandy, speak with tears in his eyes about his deceased husband. It's a bright look at a future universe where someone can love who they love, whether it be man, woman or even an alien, with no backlash.

As can be expected, gameplay has changed from the last installment. Shepard finally feels like an actual soldier who rolls, jumps and climbs over and around everything. However, all this rolling and ducking for cover often backfires. It is extremely easy to press the wrong button at the wrong time and end up dead due to an unexpected yet stylish backwards somersault into a group of enemies.

The graphics are absolutely gorgeous. Characters look more realistic than ever, especially the aliens. Everyone and everything looks like it's just a few steps away from actually being a real person or place. It can't be said here how the saga will end for you, or if your favorite

characters will survive, but the journey to discover those answers is definitely worth your time and energy. "Mass Effect 3" is an amazingly well crafted game that clearly has had a lot of time and effort put in it to make the experience as enjoyable as possible. Yes, there are some things that don't work quite right or aren't what was expected, but these issues are minor when placed next to everything that was done well. Even people who are new to the series are bound to enjoy how amazing this game is. Between the strong story line and characters and the exciting

gameplay and graphics, it's almost impossible not to get sucked in.



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Springsteen Swings 'Wrecking Ball'

Bruce Springsteen's seventeenth studio album is a mixed bag of in-your-face political outrage

By JOSHUA LAWSON

Bruce Springsteen probably hasn't had to worry about a paycheck since 1975, but the Boss has made a career of paying careful attention to the trials and triumphs of the American working-class, a skill he continues to utilize on his most recent release, "Wrecking Ball."

On 2002's "The Rising," Springsteen and the E Street Band released quite possibly the quintessential artistic response to Sept. 11, 2007's "Magic" boiled with the atypical rage of President George W. Bush's second term and 2009's "Working on a Dream" was a hopeful ode to the dawn of the Obama age.

But in the songs of "Wrecking Ball" hopes have given way to foreclosures, occupations and the ever-vilified one-percent.

Right off the bat, Springsteen attacks the lack of fraternity amongst Americans with "We Take Care of Our Own," a track that much like "Born in the U.S.A." no doubt threatens to be used as an anthem by the very politicians it indicts.

The political powerhouses on the top of the democratic ladder are the consistent antagonists of "Wrecking Ball," and while it may be easy to misconstrue the intentions of songs like "We Take Care of Our Own," Springsteen is far more direct on other tracks, declaring "If I had me a gun I'd find me the bastards and shoot 'em on sight," in "Jack of



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"Wrecking Ball" is the first Springsteen album since Clarence Clemons' death.

All Trades" and "I got a Smith & Wesson 38, I got a hellfire burning and I got me a date," in "Easy Money."

"Wrecking Ball" is by and large a call to arms, a sentimentality that is largely helped by its folksy channeling of Pete Seeger, whose material Springsteen covered on the tribute album "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions," in 2005.

Two of the album's biggest highlights, "Shackled and Drawn" and "Death to My Hometown," make the best use of Seeger's influence, exploding with thudding percussion and

the organs, strings and woodwinds of classic Americana.

"Death to My Hometown" serves as something of a spiritual successor to Springsteen's 1984 hit "My Hometown" and illustrates another notable characteristic of "Wrecking Ball" — the Boss' drawing back upon older material for new influence.

Most notably, Springsteen has recorded studio versions of several songs he has been playing live for years, some for over a decade. The title track "Wrecking Ball," was written for in 2009 for the demolition of Giant's stadium, bonus track "American Land" was written in conjunction with the aforementioned Seeger album and "Land of Hope and Dreams" was first played at shows during Springsteen and the E Street Band's reunion tour in 1999.

"Land of Hope and Dreams," will no doubt be near and dear to the hearts of longtime E Street fans as it marks what may be the last recorded E Street material

by saxophone player Clarence "Big Man" Clemons, who passed away in June 2011.

The saxophone solo in "Hope and Dreams" is full of the power and excitement the Big Man was known for and serves as a fitting testament to Clemons' decades-long contribution to the E Street band.

"Wrecking Ball" isn't nearly the poignant commentary of the times that "The Rising" was and after listening to the brooding political outrage on Springsteen's latest set of songs it's hard not to crave the romantic poetics of 1973's "The Young, The Innocent and the E Street Shuffle."

While "Wrecking Ball" as an album may never be labeled a Springsteen essential, a solid handful of songs on the album will surely earn their place as highlights in Springsteen's immense discography.

Release Date: March 6, 2012

Label: Columbia

Album Highlights: "Shackled and Drawn," "Death to My Hometown," "Wrecking Ball," "Land of Hope and Dreams"

Style



Sarah Kelly/Bullet

Mary Washington student Kat O'Dea's outfit is entirely animal-friendly.

Student Advocates Vegan Fashion

By SARAH KELLY

When I'm out shopping the last thing I think about is the ethics. I'm usually much too concerned, for instance, about why they are out of the two-tone ballet flats I want at J. Crew to give a thought to the store's policies. In fact, I think the only green thing in my wardrobe is an ill-fitting floral shift dress, and that has nothing to do with the eco-friendly use of the term.

This week's profile, Kat O'Dea, is all about being a conscious consumer.

A vegan, O'Dea also doesn't wear clothing sourced from animals (no leather, fur or silk) a difficult task considering the majority of purses, not to mention shoes and jackets, made available in retail stores are made from leather.

A recent trend in high fashion has given rise to designers that pay close attention to the source of their textiles, most notably eco-conscious and animal-friendly designer Stella McCartney who has produced a successful fashion empire since 2003.

However, it can be a much

more difficult task to find clothing retailers who make ethical choices that aren't also out of the average person's price range.

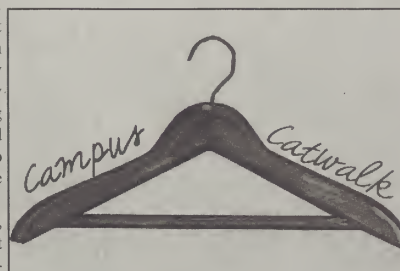
O'Dea, French major, knows the exact policies of the companies she buys from, so she only

21, a burnt orange bodysuit from American Apparel and an asymmetrical floral skirt from Urban Outfitters. Her beetle charm necklace is from the vintage store Rumors in Richmond.

She says of her current look

"It's kind of vintage-y I suppose, I feel like this skirt has kind of a vintage feel, even though it's not vintage."

Her style is heavily influenced by the 1980s, including John Hughes' "Brat Pack" movies. The humanitarian also credits the blogging website Tumblr as a



source of inspiration, finding and following new trends as they happen. One site she finds particularly helpful is calivintage.tumblr.com.

"What's great is that she posts where she gets the clothes from, so I can go stalk the websites or stores and try and find something similar," O'Dea said of the eclectic fashion blog.

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'Saints Row: The Third' is Big, Dumb Fun

By THOMAS ELLA

"Saints Row: The Third" is stupidity on a disc. It's juvenile, it's lewd, and it's the dumbest video game you'll ever play. And that's precisely why it's also one of the most fun.

If you haven't played the first two "Saints Row" games and are afraid you won't understand what's going on in this one as a result, don't worry about it; even if you had, you still wouldn't understand what's going on here.

Play "Saints Row: The Third" and you'll enter a ludicrous world where your character's gang, the Third Street Saints, are international celebrities. You're not even just a gang anymore, really; you're a brand. Even with your fondness for "murder" and "crime," people still wear Saints Row merchandise and stop you on the street to take pictures with you. They love you.

To prove that point, the game hits the ground running with a ridiculous bank robbery where you and your fellow robbers all

disguise your faces with giant bobblehead masks of one of the robbers. During the robbery itself, a hostage excitedly asks for your autograph.

Maybe this is a better way to illustrate how gloriously dumb this game is: an early mission has you diving from a burning plane and engaging in a freefall shootout with dozens of enemies. It feels like they couldn't possibly get any crazier—until a later mission, where you'll dive from a burning plane in a tank and engage in a freefall shootout with dozens of other tanks.

This game is like what your mom always imagined "Grand Theft Auto" to be; You'll be tasked with trying to commit insurance fraud by throwing yourself into incoming traffic, causing as much mayhem and destruction from a tank as you can in a limited time, and shooting up an entire sex-den full of strippers and gimps.

It never takes itself as seriously as "Grand Theft Auto" does, checking any aspirations of "realism" at the door. A lot of

it is actually just really smart design, though. In 2008's "Grand Theft Auto IV," driving involved uncontrollably sliding around corners and keeping your eyes glued to the mini-map so you'd know where you're supposed to be going. In "Saints Row: The Third," you can go 100 mph and turn on a dime, slam into oncoming traffic without worry, and it draws borders in the world to give you turning directions like a racing game so you won't have to rely on the tiny mini-map in the bottom-left corner of the screen.

Some of the smart design designs like that actually made me question what I want out of "Grand Theft Auto V," which is rumored to be coming out this year. I really enjoyed the darker, more personal narrative of "Grand Theft Auto IV" and the emphasis on making a living, breathing world more relatable to our own, but there's just something about beating someone to death with a giant, flopping dildo bat in "Saints Row: The Third" that speaks to some



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"Saints Row: The Third" is nothing if not entirely over-the-top gaming.

dark part of my soul.

I don't really want to say much more about "Saints Row:

The Third" and how absurd it is, but honestly, the discovery is half the fun. Instead, I'll just

leave it at this: You should play "Saints Row."

First Lawlz for Bawlz Comedy Show Friday at UMW

By CHRISTOPHER VELLUCCI

If you're a Mary Washington student, then you've heard of Haha's for Tatas, the student stand up comedy event for breast cancer research, and if you haven't, then it's time you looked into it. However, you might not have heard of Lawlz for Ballz.

Cole Eskridge, a senior biology major, saw Haha's for Tatas last Fall and thought to himself to do this same event for a type of cancer that men suffer from.

So he set out and planned the first annual Lawlz for Ballz comedy show, premiering this Friday, March 16 in the Great Hall.

Lawlz for Ballz aims to provide a one-hour comedy show with admittance by \$2 donation. After seeing Haha's he said something resonated with him and that the idea of a comedy show to raise money for a very unfunny thing seemed like a great idea.

He continued, "If we have an

event for a female type cancer, why not one for a male type?"

Eskridge teamed up with Abby Kimmit, a junior biology and environmental science major and one of the planners of Haha's, to get things rolling. Within a couple weeks of pitching the idea to Student Activities and Engagement, Eskridge and Kimmitt found themselves holding auditions for comedians to perform for the show. If you come out Friday, you'll be sure to see some familiar faces in-

cluding Joshua Lawson, Maura Monahan, Michaela Godfrey, Chris Vellucci, Annie Blaine and Kyle Phalen. You'll also see a new comedian, Claire Pickard, making her debut.

Eskridge believes that the event will see similar numbers to that of Haha's given that it appeals to the same crowd. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help the search for a cure for cancer. Typically, testicular cancer is treatable by an orchiec-

tomy of either one or both testicles, depending on where the cancer is. Eskridge is aiming to get at least \$300 in donations from Friday night's show.

Given that he is graduating this spring, Eskridge hopes that Lawlz will continue under the guidance of those who plan Haha's next fall.

Kimmitt might be his saving grace as he added, "I'm not funny, but I can plan things and I love doing it. I love tying together a bunch of talented stu-

dent comedians to give the campus a good show. But my favorite part is knowing that by making people laugh, we're also collecting money to help cancer patients/research for a cure."

If you don't have any plans this Friday night, come out to Lawlz for Ballz and laugh for a good cause. Show starts at 7 p.m. and asks for \$2 donations for admission.

BUNDLES AND JOY

By CHRISTOPHER VELLUCCI



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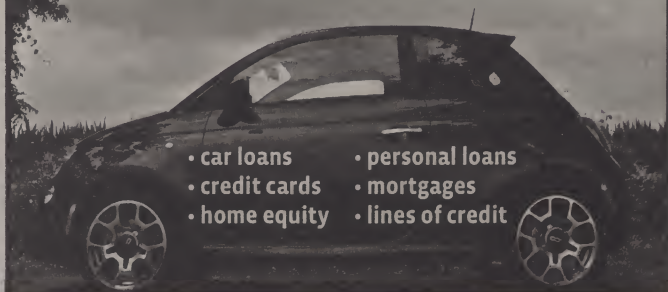
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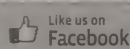


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Digital Storytelling Course Invites Online Design

By COLLEEN HUBER

Digital Storytelling, known as "ds106," is a new way of teaching that uses an online classroom that enables students to use web as a framework for thinking about the different ways students can explore and design.

Jim Groom, director of teaching and learning technologies, and Alan Levine, computer science adjunct instructor, teach the course, which fulfills the creative expression general education requirement.

The class began in spring 2010, and so far, 150 students have taken it, according to Groom.

"It is a way to imagine and introduce technology into the curriculum as a new way to teach," said Groom.

The purpose of the class is not to replace the textbook, but rather to explore the multitude of options and creativity the web has to offer.

ds106 shows how digital media can potentially change the value of discipline within the

classroom.

Charles Girard, a senior American studies major was a part of the pilot class for ds106.

"I think it's such a cool class. It is easily the most useful class I've had my college career," said Girard.

The format of the course, as it is explained on the ds106 website, is broken up into visual, design, audio, video and remix components.

The remix component allows students to take the works of their fellow ds106 community members and recreate them into something of their own, according to Groom.

Rather than Groom creating the assignments for the class, the students create their own assignments for the various components and teach the assignments themselves, according to Groom.

Martha Burtis, special projects coordinator of the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies is the creator of the framework for the assignments, according to Groom.

Students choose which assignments they want to do on the basis of interest.

"Students imagine what they want to do and it is only as good as how many students do it," said Groom.

The idea of allowing students to create their own assignments are, according to Groom, harnessing the idea of a framework that allows students to create their own assignments.

"I want them to be in the situation of creating it and doing it," said Groom.

If students are unsure of how to do something or have a question, Gerard said Groom has a simple answer for them.

"If you didn't know something, his answer was always 'Google it,'" said Girard.

Another element of the ds106 class is the "Daily Create," which is a daily assignment created by the students themselves. It is a quick assignment that allows the students to imagine things differently.

"It is about shaping the way you look at things, reinforcing

the culture of creativity," said Groom.

Even people who do not go to UMW participate in the Daily Create.

"It is not only a classroom but a community," said Groom.

Although Groom has gotten much of the credit, he is steadfast in rebuking it, because he is not the only one behind ds106.

"ds106 has really been a community job," said Groom. "It is by no means just me."

The class has been a laboratory for learning and experiencing the open web.

"What is amazing to me is how unbelievably creative UMW students are," said Groom.

ds106 is an international classroom, with over one thousand people engaged in the assignments. Temple University Japan, SUNY Cortland, York College and Kansas State University are all participating Universities of the ds106 community.

So far in this semester alone, there have been 8,000 posts on the ds106 website and there are

about 500 people around the world taking this class, according to Groom.

"When given enough freedom people can have a lot of fun," said Groom.

The people involved in the ds106 website who are not in the class are known as Open Online Students. These people have heard about the site through Twitter and basically a ripple effect, according to Groom.

"ds106 is a weird cult," said Girard. "It is a strange following of people on the internet."

The class is not limited to the 15-week semester. Students from previous classes continue to follow and work on the ds106 website.

"I follow the website a lot and still do some of the assignments and learn from them," said Girard.

"It creates a certain amount of consistency, thinking and cultivating who you are as a human being," said Groom.

This community is what makes the class so successful, according to Groom.

"It provides a different way of thinking of the rhythms of the semester," said Groom.

"You can really see the idea of the walls of the classroom disappear," said Groom.

According to Groom, ds106 re-injects creativity into the curriculum and is a visual rhetoric of the internet.

"It is how as a culture we are rethinking how we communicate things. It is a vernacular of the web and students become participants of that," said Groom.

The class is able to provide the students of UMW with another set of tools in the classroom; tools of the digital world, through reimagining the classroom and the web, according to Groom.

"It is such a cool creative outlet and you get so much feedback because it is such a community," said Girard.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently profiled Groom and ds106, highlighting its revolutionary way of teaching.

Consent Policy Changes to Align UMW With Federal Requirements

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many violators of the sexual misconduct policy do not think they committed any sort of violation by not asking for consent from their partner for sexual interactions such as kissing, fondling and other sexual gestures. They often times think that silence does mean yes.

However, UMW's policy explicitly states that silence does not mean yes.

"Research indicates that 39 percent of sexual assault victims show an 'immobility response.' When people encounter surprising and traumatic situations, sometimes they 'freeze up' and find it difficult to do much of anything," said Kilmartin. "Not saying no is often part of that reaction, and it is the responsibility of the person initiating the sexual behavior to make sure that he/she has the consent of the other person."

Kilmartin further mentions that many violators of this policy would rather assume their partner's consent than actually ask

ing for it.

"Sexual communication is a set of skills. You have to invest time in it. We invest time and energy in learning a skill when we value the outcome. If it is important to you that you have consent, you will learn how to appropriately ask for it," said Kilmartin.

There was also a change in the right of appeal for both the victim and the respondent. In the previous policy, the respondent was the only one who had the right to appeal.

Kilmartin commented on the previous policy's rights of appeal by saying, "That isn't right because obligations to complainant and respondent are equal."

An additional change is that the new policy explicitly states the standard of evidence used. The standard used is preponderance of evidence, which means the Board or Administrator needs to be 51 percent sure that the respondent violated the policy in order to find them guilty of a violation, further guarantee-

ing equal rights for the respondent and the complainant.

UMW students, such as Bell and others, in attempt to positively revise the sexual misconduct policy, made a petition. The petition was useful in both raising awareness about the issues of sexual assault on college campuses, specifically UMW's campus, and making a change for the better.

Since many students don't think of sexual assault as an issue until it becomes personal to them.

"The petition was really an effort to get students aware of the changes in the policy and aware of the issue at our school. We decided to do the petition on RAINN Day (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network) to help raise awareness for the issue as a whole," said Bell.

When violations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy come up in the future, Bell said, "I feel totally confident in Dr. Tuttle and Judicial Affairs to take every type of inappropriate sexual behavior seriously."

In addition to revising the sexual misconduct policy, Kilmartin believes it would be beneficial to educate students about what consent means, and how to ask for it. He concluded with saying that most people want consent and getting this consent is extremely important in obtaining a healthy relationship with someone.

Cox agreed with this statement, and stated, "Hopefully the more we educate our campus the more we can change inappropriate behaviors and the cycles of violence."

Many positive changes have been made to the policy, as Cox said, "I am happy to see that we do not have to wait for charges to be brought to investigate alleged assault or sexual misconduct on the campus. To have the ability to move forward to make sure this is a safe environment. It is also nice to know that we (human resources, judicial affairs, campus police) are now in sync with one another and we can better coordinate services across the campus."

Hacking Worries UMW Community

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According to a security counterintelligence report by the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive, the Chinese are "the world's most active and persistent perpetrators of economic espionage," which involves stealing information from various companies or government facilities.

The Chinese have stolen billions of dollars in intellectual property and data through cyber espionage and U.S. military and civilian networks are probed thousands of times and scanned millions of times, according to William Lynn in his essay "Defending a New Domain," published in the journal Foreign Affairs.

"China is doing this everyday and it's not just against the United States," said political science and international affairs professor, Elizabeth Larus.

Mike McConnell, vice chair-

man of Booz Allen Hamilton and former director of the National Security Agency and director of national intelligence, is an expert on the topic of cyber espionage.

"The Chinese government has a national policy of economic espionage in cyberspace. In fact, the Chinese are the world's most active and persistent practitioners of cyber espionage today," wrote McConnell in an article for The Wall Street Journal, co-written with William Lynn and Michael Chertoff, the former director of homeland security under President George W. Bush.

According to McConnell, the Chinese are using cyber espionage to gain an economic advantage. After stealing plans and other intellectual property from commercial industries, the Chinese can use these plans to create the same item but sell it for less, undermining competition for U.S. companies.

"China has a massive, inexpensive work force ravenous for economic growth. It is much more efficient for the Chinese to steal innovations and intellectual property... than to incur the cost and time of creating their own," wrote McConnell, Chertoff and Lynn. "They turn those stolen ideas directly into production, creating products faster and cheaper than the U.S. and others."

To put this in perspective, "Someone can sit in a remote place in China and touch down at a student's computer at UMW," said McConnell in an interview with the Bulletin.

Also, foreign collectors may operate in the cyber network with little risk of detection, making it difficult to attribute responsibility, according to a counterintelligence report, according to counterintelligence report. In addition, the Chinese government has repeatedly denied using cyber espionage on

the U.S.

"A cyber attack could leave millions without power, our financial sector (data) wiped out, and our military and governmental communication routes scrambled, all without us having a surefire way of knowing exactly who or what hit us," said Sam Wascowicz, a senior economics major taking a security and conflicts course.

According to McConnell, the U.S. needs to create a policy to deter cyber espionage, such as developing an early-warning monitor and better ways to identify intrusions and locate the source. However, the U.S. has yet to make such a policy due to public privacy concerns.

"Cyberspace knows no borders, and our defensive efforts must be similarly seamless," wrote McConnell in an article for The Washington Post. He went on to say, "The United States is fighting a cyber war today and we are losing."

Facebook Page Unites 2016 Freshman Class

By REGINA WEISS

The University of Mary Washington has created an official Facebook page for the incoming class of 2016 in an effort to better inform students regarding questions and confusions that arise. This is the first time the university has directly sponsored an incoming freshman Facebook page; prospective students ran previous efforts.

The official Facebook page already has 159 members, including current students keeping a constant eye out for new student questions and confusions.

The first post on the page was created by one of the student administrators, senior Kyle Allwine, informing students what the page is for, "This is for students entering the University of Mary Washington Class of 2016. Meet new friends, pick roommates, and learn more about your new academic home!"

The note under his introduction said, "This page provides a safe and spam-free place for students to learn about UMW."

The major difference in this year's official freshman Facebook page is timing; the class of 2016 page

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- Kyle Allwine

was created on Jan. 4, and has been active with freshmen joining daily with many questions about the university.

The five administrators on the page are Washington Guides, students who give tours to freshmen around campus.

Senior Kyle Allwine, junior Jeremy Thompson, sophomore Katie Sue, freshmen Ford Torney and Kacie Couch are the administrators in charge of the page.

The administrators also chose a few students who were active on the class of 2015 Facebook page to help answer questions.

At this point, no other current students are being added.

"We don't want to overwhelm them," said Torney.

Most of the current students on the page are Washington Guides and are well informed about UMW.

"Once we have more prospective students join the group, we will add more current students to fill in what's needed," said Torney.

Dean of Admissions Kim Johnston is in collaboration with the five guides in handling the

Facebook page.

"I was hoping it would be a place for students to connect with each other so they'd feel free to post what they wanted to post, to ask questions, good, bad or indifferent, I wanted it to be a pretty honest, open place for student to go and talk about what their concerns were," she said.

Johnston talked about the importance of connection between a freshmen class, and her hope that this class will follow in the class of 2015's footsteps.

"I really used Facebook the way Facebook was supposed to be used," said Johnston. "This class came in last fall, and they were already a class."

The class of 2015 Facebook page is still active today.

This year, the school is sending out emails to the accepted students, written by the student administrators for the page, informing them of the Facebook page, according to Johnston.

Allwine spoke of the intended success of the page, and said, "over 90 percent of the freshman class connected on the Class of 2015 last year. We would like to top that this year. I think we can."

Allwine said if the current students can answer questions in "less than an hour's time," then the page will be utilized successfully.

Johnston said, "I got

very excited about the class of 2015 because it just worked so well. It just seemed that the students really engaged with each other and really got excited about UMW."

After exploring other school's Facebook pages, Johnston said that in comparison ours is flourishing in communication.

"Our students really talked to each other," she said. Johnston hopes that the 2015 page started a new tradition with the freshman classes.

In regards to the incoming freshman class, "We are right in the middle of application review," said Johnston.

Those who applied early admission have received letters, and the University mailed regular admission letters in February.

All students, aside from those who are waitlisted, will know by April 1 if they are accepted or not, and the class is expected to be between 975 and 1000 students, according to Johnston.



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Sports

Top Sleeper Candidates Spring Break Sports Recap

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deep into March. Like the Racers, UNLV has plenty of experience (six of their top-seven players are upperclassmen) and they love to push the tempo and get out in transition. But what differentiates Dave Rice's team from Murray State is that UNLV has the size to match up with anyone in the country. The Rebels starting front court goes 6-8, 6-8, 6-10, and their main forwards off the bench come in at 6-8 and 6-11.

UNLV is so explosive offensively and they score from so many places that it makes it hard for opposing defenses to stop them. The best way to limit their success is to slow down the tempo, but the expected seeds that stand in their way of a trip to the Elite 8 (Baylor and Duke) like to get in shootouts as well. The Rebels finished the season ranked 16th in RPI, they hail from a Mountain West Conference that sent four squads to the NCAA Tournament, and they have an incredibly impressive win to their name this season (90-80 win over North Carolina).

Long Beach State (23-8, 12-seed): The way the 49ers slated non-conference opponents this season earned my respect early on (road battles against Pittsburgh, San Diego State, Louisville, Kansas and North Carolina while they also took on Xavier and Kansas State on neutral courts) and as I watched "The Beach" play I found that, increasingly, I liked what I saw. Long Beach State only goes seven deep, but they have that familiar experience factor that I value so much (six upperclassmen in that rotation) and they have a star guard who can carry the team in Casper Ware.

The 49ers are akin to the first two teams on this list in that they too love to push the ball on offense. They utilize a full-court press to help them speed their opponent up and force turnovers off it to help lead to easy points in transition. They have a couple of Big West Conference defensive players of the year on their team as well, so while they are not known for defense they have



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Led by senior Casper Ware. 12-seed Long Beach State could win a couple of games in the tournament.

the ability to get stops when they need them. I would have preferred "The Beach" was slated against Temple than New Mexico, but I think that the up-tempo style both teams play will neutralize the Lobos size advantage. The winner will presumably get to play a Louisville team that's recent trend had been Big East Tournament success followed by NCAA Tournament flop, which makes the 49ers a good gamble.

VCU (28-6, 12-seed): Could this year's VCU really be... VCU? I was dismayed when the committee pitted the Rams against another small school I thought could do damage in the Big Dance, Wichita State, but still think the Richmond-based school is a worthy gamble in your bracket. Despite the tough first game draw, I like the winner of what I think will be a down to the wire contest between the Shockers and Rams to go on to beat Indiana and advance to the Sweet 16.

Shaka Smart's team had a poor strength of schedule (187) this season, but VCU did go 6-4 against the RPI top-100 and the Colonial Athletic Conference they come from has proven to be both formidable and underrated in recent years. VCU is more offensively challenged than they were a year ago, but their loss of 3-point shooting is made up for with their increase in defense and efficiency. The Rams deny hard on the perimeter and also

mix in a hellacious trap that causes a lot of turnovers. VCU not only makes the opposing offense work for everything, but they don't have many wasted possessions themselves, as they commit just 11 turnovers per game.

Belmont (26-7, 14-seed): The Atlantic Sun Champions were a popular upset pick in last year's tournament over Wisconsin, and though they fell short they return many of the players from that team and find themselves with another intriguing matchup. The Bruins drew Georgetown in their first contest, the same Hoyas that have fallen the last two NCAA tournaments to double-digit seeds (VCU last year and Ohio the year before that).

Belmont is the cliché "live and die by the three pointer" team (37.8 percent), and if they are able to get out to a hot start, Georgetown isn't known for their offensive firepower with their Princeton offense. Though the Bruins run a three-guard offense, they do have some size in the front-court and bring good length off the bench as well, so the Hoyas advantage in that respect shouldn't be as glaring as one might think. Belmont is also excellent from the charity stripe, so if it's a close contest as I expect, they should be able to salt away the upset victory at the free throw line.

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four assists in the victory.

UMW won the ground balls battle 27-19, finished +4 in the turnover department and more than doubled the Maroons shot output, 31-15. The Eagles scored first off a goal by senior Catherine Kennedy, but Roanoke responded and took a 4-3 lead into halftime that they quickly stretched to 5-3 at the start of the second half. But head coach Dana Hall's team answered as their defense buckled down and their offense exploded to score seven unanswered goals to take a 10-5 advantage. The Maroons tacked on some goals late in the game, but never got closer than the two-goal deficit the game ended at.

Baseball: The Eagles' baseball team competed in five games during spring break, going 2-3 in those contests to drop below .500 at 5-6-1 on the year. UMW split doubleheaders with Frostburg State University (2-1, 3-6) and Stevenson University (4-5, 8-4) and then dropped an 11-10 decision to Stevenson on March 11, just one day after their twin ball set with the Mustangs. The five-game stretch was the first Capital Athletic competition that the Eagles faced this season, and their struggles in those games get UMW off to a shaky 2-3 start in conference play.

The Mary Washington offense was led by sophomore Ben Sisk, who went eight for 16 in the five games, and freshman Connor Wells, who went six for 16 with a pair of walks in that same span. Torey Mancari was the front-line starter of the Eagles pitching staff, as he made a pair of starts and totaled 14 innings pitched while surrendering three earned runs and racking up 12 strikeouts. Mancari notched one victory in his pair of gems,



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The Eagles' softball team went 7-1 in their eight games in South Carolina over spring break.

as a bullpen collapse in the last Stevenson game cost him and the Eagles another win.

Softball: Head coach Dee Conway's team traveled to South Carolina for spring break where they played eight games, going 7-1 in those tilts. The Lady Eagles notched wins over LaRoche College (11-4), Mount Aloysius College (3-0), Gwynedd Mercy College (11-1 and 9-1), Blackburn College (8-3 and 9-1) and Chatham College (8-0), while dropping their lone game in Myrtle Beach to Ursinus College, 6-0.

The strong string of games over the break helped the softball team recover from a precarious 2-6 start to the season and improve to 9-7 on the year. junior Brandee Adams continued her strong season thus far, and she currently leads the team in batting average (.440), hits (11) and runs (6).

Meanwhile, pitcher freshman Hannah Otterman has been the early ace of Conway's staff, compiling a 2.28 ERA in her 27.2 innings or work and totaling a team-high 25 strikeouts.

Men's Tennis: The difficult schedule that head coach Todd Helbling has compiled for his team continued over spring break, as his No. 19 Eagles took on two more ranked teams during their trip to California. The men's tennis team knocked off No. 20 California Lutheran University 5-4 and dropped a 6-3 decision to No. 12 Pomona-Pitzer Colleges during their West Coast swing. The Eagles also dropped their final match while in The Golden State, as the unranked University of Redlands defeated UMW 7-2.

Women's Tennis: The No. 24 women's tennis team was also California bound over spring break and the Lady Eagles notched a pair of victories during their stay out west. Mary Washington recorded a 5-4 win over No. 21 ranked University of California-Santa Cruz followed that up with an 8-1 dismantling of Kenyon College. The victories improved UMW to 4-1 on the young season as they now shift their focus to CAC competition that is set to kick off this Friday.

Women's Tennis Dominates

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The UMW women's tennis team should have no problem winning the Capital Athletic Conference. They have for the last 19 of the last 21 tournaments.

It is their goal to go further than conferences into nationals. "We are all hoping to crack the top 20 in the national rankings and go on to win a few rounds in the NCAA tournament," Raulston said.

These two games aren't the only speed bumps the team will come to endure. Saying they have a tough schedule is an understatement.

They ladies will play 13th ranked Carnegie Mellon, 8th ranked Washington and Lee,



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The women's tennis team had a strong performance during their West Coast swing over spring break, winning both of their matches.

18th ranked Wellesley College, 19th ranked the College of New Jersey and 11th ranked Johns Hopkins all before final exams.

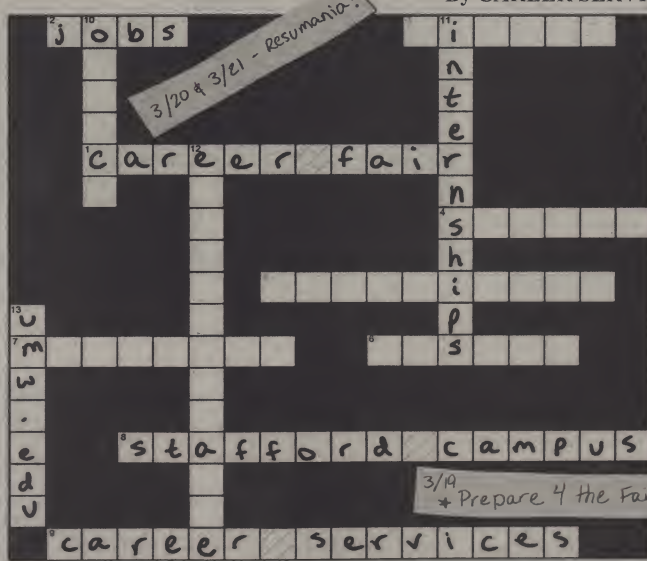
The team will be in action again on Friday, March 16th when they take on conference foe Frostburg State University.

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Sports

Lady Eagles Fall in Elite Eight

No. 7 women's basketball team has season end with loss to George Fox



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Jenna McRae tied for a team-high with 12 points, but it wasn't enough to keep the women's basketball team unbeaten.

By AHMED MALIK

On Saturday, March 10, four months and 24 days into the season, the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team did something they had not done all year long: lose a game.

In a clash of two undefeated teams, the No. 7 ranked Eagles fell 68-45 in the Elite Eight round of the NCAA tournament to No. 3 ranked George Fox University of Newberg, Ore. The Bruins defeated UMW by overmatching the Eagles Division III best defense, as George Fox shot 53.1 percent from field for the game.

The Eagles played from behind most of the game, as the Bruins were fueled by a hot start that helped them build an early lead that they never gave up. Yet the Eagles used a series of runs to keep the game competitive and gave themselves a chance at

the victory into the second half. After George Fox jumped out to a 21-10 lead in the first half, the Eagles responded with an 8-2 run to trim the deficit to five points with just over four minutes to play in the opening half. But the Bruins answered by closing the half on an 8-3 run of their own to take 31-21 halftime lead.

The second half saw similar action, with both teams exhausting all resources on both ends of the floor. A 3-pointer by Eagles freshman guard Amanda Witmer cut the George Fox lead to single digits, 48-39, with just over nine minutes to play in the contest, but a strong finish by the Bruins squashed the Lady Eagles' comeback bid.

Mary Washington was led by seniors Jenna McRae and Katie Wimmer, who both posted 12 points apiece, while George Fox

was led by 6'5 center Hannah Munger's 19 points and 10 rebounds.

While the score may not indicate it, the Eagles effort and intensity on the defensive end was present as it has been all season. Just 24 hours earlier, they used a valiant defensive effort to fuel a come from behind win versus Lebanon Valley College in the Sweet Sixteen round of the tournament. The Eagles shut down the Dutchmen in the final three minutes of the contest, scoring the last 10 points of the game to take a 46-41 victory and advance to the next round of the tournament. In that game, McRae led all scorers with 14 points while adding eight rebounds. Sophomore Aby Diop chipped in with eight points and four rebounds and fellow sophomore Sam Par-tonen added six points, nine rebounds, and three steals.

While the loss to George Fox prevented the Eagles (30-1) from advancing to their second Final Four appearance in six years, their accomplishments this past season cannot go unnoticed. The 30-1 record the women's basketball team posted is the highest winning percentage in the program's history. In addition, UMW had a defense that was ranked No. 1 in the country for all of Division III women's basketball.

"I am absolutely proud of everything that we did this year, even the game on Saturday," McRae said. "We set out on a mission after our season ended last year and we literally accomplished everything we wanted to."

When asked what aspects contributed to their success, she responded: "I think we were so successful because we always played together."

Fellow senior Katie Wimmer held her head high, as her teammate did.

"This season has been the best way to go out as a senior," Wimmer said. "We had our ups and downs, but in the end we went on an amazing run that no one can take away from us."

In addition to McRae and Wimmer, the team will graduate seniors Claire Brooks and Rachel Martin. McRae and Wimmer both posted over 1,000 points during their careers donning the Eagles uniform, and they are only two of five players in school history to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists and 100 steals in their careers.

George Fox (31-0) advanced to play Amherst in the Final Four round and the pair will square off in the national semifinal in Holland, Mich. tomorrow.

Women's Tennis Takes Two in Calif.

By WES HOST

The Mary Washington Women's tennis team recently returned from the West Coast with a tan and a 2-0 record against a pair of solid Division III teams.

On March 6, the Eagles squared off with the University of California-Santa Cruz. The Banana Slugs were ranked 22nd while the Eagles ranked 23rd in Division III. The Eagles struggled in doubles play and only won one of the three matches. But what they lacked in doubles they made up for in singles. It was all knotted up at four sets apiece after victories by freshman Alex Ritter, senior Casey Malcolm and senior Jocelyn Lewis.

The entire match then fell on the back of sophomore Lindsay Raulston. After winning the first match she gave up the second. "I won the first set relatively easily and had a bunch of opportunities to close out the second but I just couldn't seem to do it," Raulston said.

She ended up clinching the third set 6-3 to win the match.

"Having the whole match on my shoulders were pretty intense, but with all of the cheering and support from my teammates and coaches somehow I pulled out the win," Raulston said.

The team moved on to face Kenyon College two days later at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Kenyon proved to be no match for the Eagles, who possessed great confidence after the previous match. All three doubles pairs dismissed their opponents, yet only by two or three sets. Raulston and senior Michelle Meadows emerged 8-6, Malcolm and junior Cassie Bowman won 8-6, and Ritter and Lewis won 8-5. The team also won all of the singles matches except for one.

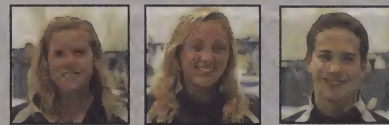
Playing on the West Coast turned out to be much different than Fredericksburg, Raulston said.

"One day it would be scorching hot and another day we'd be playing in 25 mph wind," Raulston said. "It was an adjustment, but we managed to handle it pretty well."

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Three Swimmers Qualify for NCAA's

The University of Mary Washington had three swimmers advance to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships later this month, as the Eagles will send senior Megan DeSmit, sophomore Amber Kerico and freshman Alex Anderson to Indianapolis, Ind. to represent UMW.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Spring Break Sports Recap

By ZACH MORETTI

As the majority of the student body set off to enjoy their spring break endeavors, the University of Mary Washington athletes involved in spring sports remained with their respective teams to compete in their craft. The UMW baseball team, softball squad, men's and women's lacrosse teams and men's and women's tennis teams partook in battle over the break, with each of the Eagles' teams enjoying bits of success in the nine-day span.

Men's Lacrosse: Head coach Kurt Glaeser's team earned a come-from-behind 6-5 home victory over Christopher Newport University back on March 3, thanks to a late goal by sophomore Joey Marson. Marson found the back of the net with just under six minutes remaining in the contest to help the Eagles eek out a one-goal victory and defend their home turf.

UMW dug themselves an early hole as the Captains scored the first three goals of the match and went on to lead the Eagles 4-2 at halftime. But Mary Washington came out in the second half much stiffer on defense, forcing 14 turnovers and allow-



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The men's lacrosse team had another comeback win on March 3, knocking off Christopher Newport 6-5.

ing just one goal after intermission. Once they traded goals with CNU to make it 5-3 Captains with 9:15 to go in the third period, the UMW defense held CNU scoreless the rest of the way, while the offense responded with three unanswered goals to help the Eagles notch a tally in the win column. Junior midfielder Sean Dacey led the Eagles with two goals as the men's lacrosse improved to 4-0

on the season.

Women's Lacrosse: The No. 16 Lady Eagles traveled to Puerto Rico and notched an 11-9 win over Roanoke College during their stay. Seniors Lauren Callison and Allie Kimmelman led the offensive charge for Mary Washington, as Callison netted a team-high four goals while Kimmelman scored one goal and racked up a game-high

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Identifying 2012 Cinderella

By ZACH MORETTI

One of the things that makes March Madness special every year is when one or two of the schools outside one of the big six conferences goes on a run in the men's basketball tournament. Sure those sorts of runs usually destroy most of the general public's brackets in the process (see VCU last year or George Mason in 2006), but some amateur who picked the teams based on mascots or school colors was going to luck their way into the cash prize anyway.

America as a whole is the ultimate sucker for the underdog, so it's really against our DNA as a country to root against the perceived little engine that could as they defy the odds and leave a slew of goliaths in their wake (bracket entry fees be damned). The trouble is identifying the potential Cinderellas and seeing which of these less-heralded teams can make that push and capture our collective heart.

The first thing worth noting is matchups. Before the tournament started, I really liked Creighton and Memphis' chances of winning a couple of games and making it into the Sweet 16. However, when the brackets were announced, both those teams were given 8-seeds and thus will face North Carolina and Michigan State respectively should they win their first contest. The tough draw the committee gave the Blue Jays and Tigers leaves those teams with the daunting task of having to knock off those powerhouses early, thus lessening their chances at a run in the tourney. So this isn't meant to list the best teams outside the power confer-

ences, it's about who can win given the possible opponents.

Another important thing to mention is what constitutes a Cinderella. To me it all depends on how many games you have that team winning. If you have a 13-16 seed winning any games in the tournament, I deem them glass slipper worthy. Any teams ranked a seed in the 8-12 range need to get at least to the Sweet 16, while a team in the 5-7 range have to reach the Elite 8 or beyond to earn the honor.

Now without further ado, here's the breakdown of this year's top candidates.

Murray State (27-1, 6-seed): I'm probably too high on the Racers, but I'm drinking the Kool-Aid and feeling confident that star point guard Isaiah Canaan won't let me down. Murray State has the things the prototypical mid-major success story has: a veteran bunch (their top-5 players are upper classmen) led by superior guard play (anchored by Cannan and Donte

Poole) with strong 3-point shooting sprinkled in (40.6 percent as a team).

The Racers didn't play a daunting slate of games this season, but they did beat the four tournament teams they faced (St. Mary's, Memphis, Southern Methodist and Western Kentucky) and the selection committee gave them a shot at a run with the matchups they presented them. Missouri and Marquette are the presumed teams Murray State will have to conquer to make a deep run, and both of those squads are perimeter oriented just like the Racers. If Murray State has been thrown into a region with any of the other two-seeds, their lack of size could have been seriously exposed, but that shouldn't happen now until the Elite 8.

UNLV (24-8, 6-seed): My love for Murray State this year is only matched by my desire to watch the Runnin' Rebels go

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Coach of the Year



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball coach Deena Applebury was named the 2012 Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. Applebury's team finished the year 30-1 overall, with their lone loss suffered to No. 3 George Fox University in the Elite 8 round of the NCAA Tournament.



Courtesy of the AP

Senior Isaiah Canaan and Murray State have the necessary pieces to succeed in March.